Doubling of Railway Line between Habra and Bongaon

247. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to construct double rail line between Habra and Bongaon section of Sealdah Division under Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details therefo;

(c) the time by which the above work is likely to be started and completed; and

(d) the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) Techno-economic survey for doubling between Habra and Bongaon is in progress.

Further consideration of project would be possible once the survey becomes available.

Institutes of Rural Management in Karnataka

248. SHRI S.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Institutes of Rural Management running in the country, particularly in Karnataka, District-wise as on June 30, 1997; and

(b) the names of districts in the State where these Institutes are likely to be opened during 1997-98 and Ninth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYEMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increase in Processing Fee by Doordarshan

249. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan has increased the Processing Fees from Rs. 2000 to Rs. 5000 for the proposals received from private producers for production of films/ telefilms/serials etc. under commissioned category; and

(b) if so, the reasons/justification of increasing the processing fee ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main objective for increasing the processing fee is to ensure that the suo moto proposals are received only from genuine and serious outside producers to produce quality programmes. The other reason is that the cost of processing a proposal has also increased in terms of time to be devoted by Doordarshan personell at all levels.

Tapurhut Electronic Exchange :

250. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received from the Secretary Tapurhut Telephone Consumers Associations, Cooch Bihar for providing STD facility at Tapurhut Electronic Exchange; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The work of installation of transmision equipment is in progress and the STD through reliable media is expected to be provided by 30.9.97.

Installation of Telephones

251. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telephones are neither installed and nor shifted for months together even after the issue of "OB" numbers:

(b) if so, the action the Government propose to take in the matter against the officials responsible for the delay; and

(c) the time by when the pending telephones are likely to be installed/shifted ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. By and large telephones are being installed and shifted within the DoT's prescribed norms after issue of OB, except in a few cases due to area being technically not feasible or due to subscribers reasons.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) All out efforts are being made to install/shift the telephones where OBs have been issued as soon as the area is technically feasible.

Telephone Exchanges in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh

252. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone exchanges set up so far in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of new telehphone exchanges set up in these States during 1996-97, district-wise and location-wise;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats provided telephone facility in the above States during the last two years, till date, district-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The details are given in the attached Statement-I.

(b) The details are given in the attached State-ment-II.

(c) The details are given in the attached State-ment-III.

Statement-I

Number of Telephone Exchanges set up so far (as on 30.6.97) in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh, District-wise

(A) ORISSA

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of Exchanges
1	2	3
1.	Balasore	31
2.	Bhadrak	21
3.	Mayurbhanja	35
4.	Ganjam	72
5.	Gajapati	17
6.	Phulbani	21
7.	Boudh	10
8.	Khurda	45
9.	Nayagarh	16
10.	Puri	27
11.	Bolangir	22
12.	Sonepur	9
13.	Kalahandi	16
14.	Nuapada	8
15.	Cuttack	41
16.	Jagatsinghpur	30
17.	Kendrapara	20
18.	Jaipur	31
19.	Keonjhar	31
20.	Angul	29
21.	Dhenkanal	29
22.	Koraput	25
23.	Malkangiri	7
24.	Nowrangpur	12
25.	Rayagada	21
26.	Sambalpur	27
27	Jharsuguda	12
28.	Bargarh	32
29.	Deogarh	3
30.	Sundergarh	39
	Total :	739

(B) ANDHRA PRADESH

1.	Adilabad	55
2.	Ananthapur	131
3.	Chittoor	132
4	Cuddapah	88